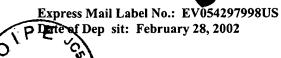
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to respond to the November 30, 2001 Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures in the above-identified application. A check in the amount of \$55.00, in payment of the fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(1), is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 15966-721. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

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